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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,
Plaintiff,

v.

Samuel Rappylee Bateman, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. CR-22-08092-PCT-SMB

JOINT STATUS MEMORANDUM

The United States files this joint status memorandum in advance of the April 1, 2024 status hearing.¹

I. Defendants' Status

The trial date is September 10, 2024. Defendant Samuel Rappylee Bateman (1) is expected to plead guilty pursuant to a contingent plea agreement during the April 1, 2024 status hearing. The trial date has been vacated as to the following defendants who have

¹ The United States consulted with counsel for all defendants who have not entered plea agreements. As to the self-represented defendants, the United States consulted their advisory counsel. No objections to this status memorandum were received from any defendant.

1 already entered into plea agreements: Donnae Barlow (3), Brenda Barlow (7), Marona
2 Johnson (8), and Leia Bistline (9). The remaining defendants set for trial are Naomi
3 Bistline (2), Moretta Rose Johnson (4), Josephine Barlow Bistline (5), LaDell Jay Bistline,
4 Jr. (6), Torrance Bistline (10), and Leilani Barlow (11). Plea offers are presently available
5 to all remaining defendants. Except for defendant Naomi Bistline (*see* doc. 318), the
6 deadline for the defendants to accept their plea offers is Friday, April 12, 2024. After that
7 date, the offers will be withdrawn and will not be reextended.

8 **II. Scheduling and Deadlines**

9 Unless the remaining defendants plead guilty, the parties intend to proceed to trial
10 as scheduled and comply with the deadlines established in the Amended Scheduling Order.
11 (Doc. 294.) However, should defendant Bateman plead guilty on April 1, 2024 as
12 anticipated, the United States and defendant Bateman agree that the deadlines should be
13 suspended as to defendant Bateman only. If the contingency provision in defendant
14 Bateman's plea agreement is not satisfied and the United States withdraws from the plea
15 agreement, defendant Bateman should be given a reasonable amount of time to meet the
16 existing trial deadlines.

17 In accordance with the Amended Scheduling Order, the United States has provided
18 Rule 16 discovery to the defendants. (*See* Doc. 448.)

19 Respectfully submitted this 27th day of March, 2024.

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